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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated May 23, 2003, claims -12-22 are subject to an election requirement. Election is required to one of the following species:

- Species 1, Figures 1 and 2
- Species 2, Figures 3 and 9-11

Applicants hereby elect Species 2, Figures 3 and 9-11, with traverse, for further examination in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the invention of Species I in a divisional application.. All the pending claims 12 to 22 are readable on the elected species.

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Both of the species have a common feature, i.e., the separation between head and thread section of the screw, as set forth in generic claim 12. All the embodiments shown in Fig. 1 to 3 and 9 to 11 are variants of this basic model.

An early examination and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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